

Council on Postsecondary Education
Committee on Equal Opportunities
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Status: Statewide Diversity Planning and Support Programs

The following information focuses on diversity activities and initiatives since the Committee on Equal Opportunities met November 1, 2012.

Governor's Minority Student College Preparation Program Statewide Conference: The 13TH Annual GMSCPP Statewide Conference will be hosted by Morehead State University, June 2013. Two hundred students from across Kentucky are expected to participate in STEM-H activities.

GMSCPP Academically Proficient High School Junior and Senior Diversity Conference (formerly known as the Academically Proficient African American High School Junior and Senior Conference): The 26TH Annual Academically Proficient High School Junior and Senior Diversity Conference will be hosted by Eastern Kentucky University, June 28-29, 2013, in Richmond, Kentucky. Participation in this conference by students and parents is voluntary. The partners for this conference are the Council on Postsecondary Education, the Kentucky Department of Education, and Eastern Kentucky University.

Lumina Foundation Grant to Address Latino Student Success: The Lumina Foundation, in collaboration with Bluegrass Community and Technical College and the Council on Postsecondary Education, received a grant in 2012 to support the Kentucky Latino Education Alliance (K'LEA) partners. The Lumina grant will assist Kentucky with increasing the number of Hispanic/Latino students who earn degrees and credentials. The partners in the grant include representatives from six major sectors (K-12, higher education, workforce, policy, community based organizations, and Latino serving organizations). The Hispanic/Latino population will be an integral component to help Kentucky reach its goal of increasing higher education attainment rates and closing the achievement gaps.

SREB Doctoral Scholars Program: Planning for the fall 2013 Teaching and Mentoring Institute will take place during a meeting of the state Doctoral Scholars Regional Advisory Committee, January 31- February 1, 2013. The Teaching and Mentoring Institute will be held October 31 - November 3, 2013, in Arlington, Virginia. The institute is designed for scholars currently supported by the Kentucky Doctoral Scholars Program. The Kentucky program is implemented collaboratively by the Council, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Louisville to help students complete the doctorate more quickly and to encourage them to go into the professoriate. As of January 19, 2013, 34 students are currently matriculating at Kentucky institutions, 32 percent of these students are in the STEM areas, and there are 68 graduates.

CPE Meeting Dates: The CPE meeting dates for 2013 are February 7-8, April 17-18, June 19-20, September 12-13 (Governor's Conference on Trusteeship), and November 14-15.

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